

It would be huge steps back for all technologies if the FCC allows stipulations to be placed on satellite radio providers that regulate what information can be broadcasted to certain areas of the nation and not others. It is a great help that this service which I choose to pay for will offer me the current conditions in areas to which I travel. Local broadcast are great for the people who live in the areas and are familiar with the programming but if given the option I would say that most people would appreciate a channel dedicated to weather, traffic, etc. Instead when I listen to a local broadcast I'm forced to listen and wait and hope that I don't get caught in the "45 minute all you can play super fest". If the local broadcasters are truly opposed to this service than they should all work together and offer this service for free...how incredible would that be a channel devoted to traffic and weather and free. But it isn't free and it won't be for a while...XM shouldn't be punished for providing a viable service to their customers, no they are setting the example that local broadcasters need to follow. You offer me free programming and I CHOOSE to pay \$9.99 a month for a reason, that alone should be reason enough to see that me and my fellow satellite radio users ask for more from our broadcasters. If they're not going to give it to us we'll get it elsewhere. All industries need to embrace technology and stop trying to beat it down. If the auto industry would have done this chances are we wouldn't have an oil problem right now. Thank you for your time.

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